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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  FY 2009  (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)			Docket Number (Optional) 03/102K	
Application Number 10/580,976			Filed May 31, 2006	
For Internally reinforced tub	ular food casing co	ontaining protein		
Art Unit 1794			Examiner M. L. Jacobson	
This is a request under the provis	ions of 37 CFR 1.13	6(a) to extend the peri	od for filing a reply in t	he above identified
The requested extension and fee	are as follows (chec	k time period desired a		ate fee below):
		<u>Fee</u>	Small Entity Fee	<sub>\$</sub> 130.00
✓ One month (37 CFF	R 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65	\$_130.00
Two months (37 CF	R 1.17(a)(2))	\$490	\$245	\$
Three months (37 C	FR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$555	\$
Four months (37 CF	FR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$865	\$
Five months (37 CF	R 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175	\$
Applicant claims small entity	status. See 37 CFR	1.27.		
A check in the amount of	the fee is enclosed	•		
Payment by credit card. F	orm PTO-2038 is a	attached.		
The Director has already t	peen authorized to	charge fees in this a	application to a Dep	osit Account.
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.